

**ATTACHMENT A
CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. (twice amended) A method for an electronic communications message system to prioritize an information message comprising:

determining a personalized identifier corresponding to the message;

locating the personalized identifier in a database;

assigning from the database a priority code corresponding to the personalized identifier;

prioritizing the message according to the priority code; and

depositing the message into at least one of a plurality of virtual mailboxes wherein the message is sorted within such virtual mailbox(es) based on the priority code, and wherein no less than two such virtual mailboxes from among the plurality of virtual mailboxes are capable of such sorting.

68. (twice amended) A system for prioritizing a received information message, the system including a database maintaining known personalized identifiers and priority codes corresponding to known personalized identifiers, said system comprising:

a computing device for determining a first personalized identifier associated with a received information message;

a location device for matching the first personalized identifier with a priority code in said database;

a priority assignment device for assigning said priority code to the received information message corresponding to the first personalized identifier; and

a prioritizer for prioritizing the received information message according to the priority code into at least one of a plurality of virtual mailboxes wherein the received information

C2 message is sorted within such virtual mailbox(es) based on the priority code, and wherein no less than two such virtual mailboxes from among the plurality of virtual mailboxes are capable of such sorting.

70. (twice amended) A computer-readable medium of instructions and data, comprising:

a received message;

C3 a personalized identifier corresponding to the received message;

computer instructions for receiving the message and the personalized identifier;

a database containing known personalized identifiers, each having corresponding priority codes;

computer instructions for locating the personalized identifier to the database to determine whether the personalized identifier is a known personalized identifier with an assigned priority code indicated in the database;

a priority code corresponding to the message;

computer instructions for assigning the priority code to the message; and

computer instructions for prioritizing the received information message according to the priority code into at least one of a plurality of virtual mailboxes wherein the received information message is sorted within such virtual mailbox(es) based on the priority code, and wherein no less than two such virtual mailboxes from among the plurality of virtual mailboxes are capable of such sorting.

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